

- bringing said multilayer structure into contact with the article;
- applying pressure and heat to the backing layer at a location where it is desired to transfer the decoration layer onto the article, the varnish layer being transferred locally onto the article together with the decoration layer;
- withdrawing the backing layer; and
- causing the layer of varnish that has been transferred onto the article to harden by exposing it to said radiation.

5/ (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the varnish includes oligomers of low molecular weight.

8/ (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the varnish includes photo-initiators at a concentration by weight that lies in the range from about 0.3% to about 3%.

9/ (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the backing layer is comprised by a polyester film.

11/ (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the varnish layer is exposed to said radiation while temperature thereof is still close to maximum temperature thereof at the moment when pressure and heat are applied to the backing layer, the temperature difference being less than 30% of the maximum temperature.

Please add new claim 21 and 22 as follows:

--21/ A method according to claim 8, wherein the varnish includes photo-initiators at a concentration by weight of about 0.5%.--

--22/ A method according to claim 5, wherein the oligomers have molecular weight lying in a range from about 800 to about 2000.--